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DOWNTOWN AVENUE GETTING NEW LOOK

Sartori Avenue is taking on a "new look".

It started the other day when Bernard's Shoe Store redecorated its store windows and front, followed by the bright, new location sign of the Universal Furniture and the brand new spot one block north, now the new home of the National Home Appliance Company.

This seemed to be contagious. Torrance Men's Shop had its neon sign repainted and the front of its store re-done Monday.

TRAILER PERMIT GRANTED

A temporary permit for a 90 day period was granted by the City Council this week to Umeiko Ikeda to park a house trailer at 3770 182nd st. during the construction of his home.

Ray Clark Named To Recreation Committee To Aid In Youth Play Program For Torrance By Powell

Ray Clark, identifying himself as a school bus driver in the north Torrance area, found additional responsibility for himself last Tuesday evening when he called upon the council to give him some support in his self-termed "Talent Club" of north Torrance. He asked that some three and a half fenced in acres adjacent to Perry school be okayed for use as a baseball diamond.

"Do you want to raise the finest weeds in the world or the finest bodies?" Clark demanded.

"Do you want to raise weeds or young Americans?" He told of the phenomenal growth of his club from virtually nothing to "more than 50 now".

"But all the boys don't want to sing or play marbles," Clark

said. "They want sports and something to do."

Councilman George Powell, heading up the recreation program, indicated that he was familiar with Clark's problem. "I'm going to ask you, Mr. Clark, to accept membership in my recreational committee. We'll welcome your help."

"Nothing would suit me better," Clark responded. "I shall be glad to serve."

Ex-boxer Clark, before the war, was connected with a program set up by the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Rolling Knolls Man's Auto In 4-Car Smashup

An automobile driven by James A. Meeker, Jr., 27, of 1519 Rolling Knolls drive, Lomita, was the first of two automobiles hit by a truck last week in a four vehicle accident at the intersection of Pacific Coast highway and Alameda street, Wilmington.

Although Meeker was uninjured, Mike Epstein, 8, of Long Beach, suffered serious injuries and two Long Beach women incurred minor hurts.

The spectacular accident occurred on May 5th when a truck driven by Samuel Kennedy, 21, of Long Beach, according to police, swerved to the wrong side of Pacific Coast highway to avoid hitting an automobile which turned in front of him.

The heavy truck then crashed into Meeker's car, careened into another operated by Phyllis May Cady, 33, of Mendota, Cal., which bounded backward into an auto driven by Harry Ruita, 28, of Long Beach.

Improvement At Flight Strip Rental Area Due

J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, was elected president of the Veterans Emergency Rentals Inc. at their regular meeting last week. Caldwell succeeds Don Kammelton of Gardena to that post.

The corporation has 65 rentals in the Lomita Flight Strip, where a new method of government will be inaugurated in which a mayor, council and police, fire and recreation committees will be in charge of the operations of the project.

A large playground will be equipped with modern playground equipment. A baseball team has already been organized and is now playing. All the buildings are to be painted and general repair to all buildings in the project will be done in the very near future, according to Director Caldwell.

Mann Will Run For Supervisor

John W. Mann, field investigator for the late Supervisor Oscar Hauge from 1939 to 1942, this week filed for the office of county supervisor for the fourth district, which includes Lomita and Torrance.

While on Dr. Hauge's staff, Mann worked with many civic groups to eliminate Mattoon Act assessments, to foster storm drains, roads, highways, recreation, parks and playgrounds, community centers and other pulses in the district. He then went to the Chief Administrative Officer's department where he functioned as assistant to the then acting Chief Administrator Alfred Campion. John W. Mann is married and has two children, is a home owner, and successful business man in Hawthorne where he is active in civic and lodge affairs.



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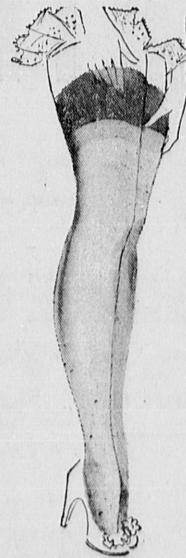
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